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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That is, if a person is arrested for debt and if he is found to be very poor, the court is given discretion to release him."

Criminal Justice

Nomination of Mr. V. S. Padmanabha Mudaliyar as Public Prosecutor.

* 1034 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table the letter of the District Magistrate of North Arcot regarding the appointment of Public Prosecutor for the district from the 11th September 1929; and

(ii) to state whether it is a fact that the present nominee of Government, Mr. V. S. Padmanabha Mudaliyar, is not getting a taxable income and yet was recommended by the District Magistrate?

A.—(i) No.

(ii) The Government have no information as to the first part of the question. Mr. V. S. Padmanabha Mudaliyar was recommended for the post by the District Magistrate.

Forests

Expenditure on panchayat forests in Bellary district.

* 1035 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the amount of revenue that the Government were deriving, the expenditure they were incurring and the net profit, if any, they were having from the panchayat forests in the Bellary district before they were handed over to panchayat management?

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A.—Average annual revenue	45,169
Average annual expenditure (including an estimated proportion of the pay of range and district forest establishment)	34,342
Net revenue	10,827

Transfer of Bandri and Somalapur reserves to panchayats.

* 1036 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total extent in acres of the Bandri and the Somalapur reserves and their extensions respectively in Kudligi taluk, Bellary district;

(b) the villages within three miles from the said reserves;

(c) the extent of unreserved land available for the grazing of cattle in each of the above villages; and

(d) whether there have been complaints to the Government or the district authorities that there is dearth of grazing land for cattle in the villages of Bandri, Nidugurthi, Kodihalli, Gollarahalli, Ankanimanahalli, Somalapur; and, if so, whether portions of Bandri and Somalapur reserves will be demarcated and handed over for panchayat management?

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A.—(a) Bandri	17,247
Do. extensions	442
Somalapuram	2,394
Do. extensions	216
Total ...	20,299

(b) & (c) Statement showing villages within 3 miles of Bandri and Somalapuram reserves.

Names of reserves.	Villages that are within three miles of the said reserves.	Total in acres—Area available for grazing.
Bandri ...	1. Nagalapuram--Including Gunda and Byalakundi	1,598
	2. Garga	1,735
	3. Gollarahalli	389
	4. Basavandurga	752
	5. Haravanahalli	581
	6. Chilkanhatty	377
	7. Telugubalu	217
	8. Mallapuram	1,960
	9. Nidugurthy	997
	10. Bandri	1,087
Somalapuram.	11. Ankammanahalli	2,654
	12. Kalingeri	4,152
	13. Somalapuram	823

(d) No complaints have been made either to the District Forest Officer, Anantapur, or to the Conservator of Forests, II Circle, Bellary. There are enough of unreserved lands available for grazing in each village as will be evident from the statement given above in answer to clauses (b) and (c).

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether any enquiries were made in these villages as to whether the unreserved areas were sufficient for cattle grazing ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir. "

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether Government have any definite information about the village of Chilkanhatty which has only 377 acres for grazing, while the village itself is a very big one ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The acreage mentioned against each village is considered to be sufficient. "

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know what enquiries were made and by whom ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government made enquiries through the departmental head, viz., the Chief Conservator of Forests. "

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Did he receive any petitions from the ryots of the respective villages that the reserves placed at their disposal were quite inadequate and that the portions allotted should be enlarged ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, what portion of this area reserved for grazing is covered by rocky soil on which no grass grows ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I have no information on that point, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I therefore take it that the mere extent of land at the disposal of the Government does not give any idea about the grazing facilities really available ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The answer to the question is based on the valuable recommendation made by a committee in 1927, of which my hon. Friend was a member, that those two reserves (Bandri and Somalapuram) should be left in the possession of the Forest department."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Quite so, Sir. I hold the same view even now. I suggest that a portion of these reserves may be demarcated and given to the people of the villages concerned. That is all I say."

Transfer of grass reserves in Bellary district to forest panchayats.

* 1037 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any grass reserves in the Bellary district which have not been handed over to the forest panchayats and which are still under the management of the Military ;

(b) if so, what are the conditions and terms under which they have been still entrusted to the management of the Military department ;

(c) whether there have been any complaints of scarcity of fodder in the district ; and

(d) what are the reasons for not handing them over to the forest panchayats ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Stocks of fodder had become low and importation from adjoining districts begun when rains started and gave relief.

(d) Does not arise.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know, Sir, when Ramnagudda in Kudithini village was handed over to the village panchayats ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I want notice."

Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—" May I know whether the circle reserves near Toranagallu village are still under the management of the Military ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether there is any grass farm near Toranagallu village ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice, Sir."